Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 430 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 430 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program and Hawaii Food Assistance Program Special Fund to alleviate food shortages in the State; and
 - (2) Appropriate moneys.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Office of Community Services; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Food Bank; Hawai'i SEED; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Ulupono Initiative; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that food security is a critical issue for the State, where one in six residents lack consistent access

to healthy and nutritious food. Your Committee further finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic greatly exacerbated this issue and has severely threatened the health and welfare of Hawaii residents, particularly the underprivileged and most desperate. This measure establishes the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program to alleviate future food shortages, propel the statewide effort to bolster food security across the islands, and stimulate the economy by keeping money spent on food within the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language provided by the State Procurement
 Office to require procurements executed by the Hawaii
 Farm to Food Bank Program to be subject to the Hawaii
 Public Procurement Code, when used for goods, services,
 or construction that directly benefits the Office of
 Community Services; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 430, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 430, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture and Environment AEN

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SB430	AEN, WAM			2/1/23		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (WI	R)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		*				
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)		X				
DECOITE, Lynn		X				
RHOADS, Karl		<u> </u>				
AWA, Brenton		X	<u> </u>			
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TOTAL		5				
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes